

ful treasure-house! And it is all Christ; he gives us fresh discoveries of God all the time, fresh discoveries of the infinite love, and fresh discoveries as to our own duty. It is easy to get to the bottom of Plato or Bacon or Shakespeare, but who ever found the end of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Here is a valuable and timely hint for all young Christians who are just beginning their religious life. Your one great business is to study Christ. Never let a day go by without a fresh search in that mine of priceless truth, your New Testament. Get Christ's exact words by heart. As Dean Stanley said of them, "they pass into proverbs, they pass into laws, they pass into doctrines; they pass into consolations; but they never pass away." After all the use you can make of them, they are no nearer being exhausted. Christ has an answer for me on all occasions. I am never in need of spiritual guidance but I can find somewhere in my Bible a text that throws the very light I am seeking after. To have the words of Jesus Christ thoroughly in the memory and thoroughly digested is itself a splendid education.

He is the treasure house of wisdom. That is, you will find in him a perfect rule and law for daily conduct. "What would my Master have me do?" Find that out by the search of his Word and by prayer, and then you are sure to be right. Christ speaks to and through your conscience. Set your conscience by your Bible, as you set your watches by the sun. You may be perplexed about such a matter as your recreation and your amusements. The answer always at hand is: I must not go where I can not carry Christ with me. If it is too impure or frivolous or poisonous a place or a pleasure for Christ to go with me, I should keep away from it. So in regard to your business. Engage in nothing that Christ will not bless; never keep your accounts so that you would be afraid to have Christ audit them. Learn from him how to make it your daily meat and drink to do God's will. Remember that a Christian is always Christ's man, and not your own or the world's man.

Some of your discoveries or spiritual wisdom will be costly. They will cost you some pretty severe trials and humiliating experiences. Peter was in Christ's school, but he paid dearly for one or two of his lessons. That is always a precious experience which empties you of self, and sends you to Jesus. A loss of wealth or a loss of health may turn into a gain, if you gain a closer fellowship with and a closer consecration to your Saviour. Whatever sends you to him in whom are hid all the treasures of knowledge and wisdom and power and grace will prove to be an inestimable blessing. Determine to be a rich Christian, whether you win much or little money. Determine to live so that you can carry a heartfelt and a life-load of treasure into heaven.

"Live for today; tomorrow's light
Tomorrow's cares will bring to sight;
Go sleep like closing flowers at night,
And God thy morn shall bless."

An aroused church membership will give us a redeemed continent.

THE VICTORY OF STRUGGLE.

Struggle is more important than victory. Struggle is sure to make character, and victory often fails to do so. Struggle is a duty; victory may not be. Struggle is progress; victory may be standstill. In other words, the result of our pushing onward in the right direction is in the Lord's hands, not ours; and the result in this world is a minor matter, a mere incident, so far as we are concerned. It is hard to see this, when we have pushed, and strained, and struggled for years in the line of plain duty, and the goal seems as much in doubt as ever. It is still harder to see this when the result is no longer in doubt, but is plainly to be failure. Yet this last kind of fight is the finest test of all. It is the test that Jesus Christ had to meet, with earthly failures surely ahead as the end of his life-work; it is the test that he calls on some of his followers to meet. "Any coward can fight a battle when he's sure of winning." George Elliot has said: "but give me the man who has pluck to fight when he's sure of losing." The man who will not give up, even in defeat, can not be conquered. He wins a greater victory in defeat than he could in victory.—S. S. Times.

DEATH OF CALVIN.

Theodor de Beze's account of Calvin's last hours was translated into English by a contemporary:

"He was very little changed of face, but chiefly the shortness of his winde did trouble him, thot it caused his continual prayers and consolations rather to seeme sighs than words to be understood, and he was of such a countenance that his onelie looke did plainlie testifie with what faith and hope he was furnished. The day that he died it seemed that he spake better and more at his ease, but it was the last enforcement of nature; for that night about eight of the clock even sodainely appeared the tokens of sudden death, whereof I had speedily word (for I was but newly departed from him) and running thither with certaine of my brethren, as soon as I came I found that he had already yielded up his spirit, so quietly that he did never rattle, but spake plainly even to his death, with perfect understanding and judgment with out ever stirring hand or foot, he seemed rather to be a sleepe than dead, . . . According as he had appointed he was carried according to the custome to the common churchyard, called the large or great palace, without pomp, or adoe at all, where he now lieth abiding the resurrection which he hath taught us, and hath so constantly hoped for."—The Century Magazine.

The humble current of little kindnesses, which, though but a creeping streamlet, yet incessantly flows, although it glides in silent secrecy within the domestic walls and along the walks of private life, and makes neither appearance nor noise in the world, proves in the end a more copious tribute into the store of human comfort and felicity than any sudden and transient flood of detached bounty, however ample, that may rush into it with a mighty sound.—Fawcett.

Our experience has been that God does not send a revival in one's sleep.